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IN DISCUSSION WITH MINDEF PERMANENT SECRETARY PANG TEE POW
TODAY, I PRESENTED POSITION ON GOP-GOS AGREEMENT FOR RSAF
TRAINING IN THE PHILIPPINES OUTLINED IN REFTEL A, AND STRESSED
THE SENSITIVITY OF THE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS ON BASE RIGHTS
BETWEEN GOP AND USG. WHILE INDICATING UNDERSTANDING OF OUR
POSITION, PANG AGAIN STATED THE USG HAD GIVEN PERMISSION
LAST MAY FOR THE GOS TO CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP ON BASING
A-4'S IN PHILIPPINES BEFORE COMPLETION OF THE USG-GO UNEGOTIATIONS (REFTEL B). HOWEVER, HE APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TO MY
REQUEST FOR DEFERRING SIGNING THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT, AND SAID
HE WOULD "TAKE NOTE" OF THIS
REQUEST AND DISCUSS IT WITH
MINISTER OF DEFENCE. HE VOLUNTEERED THE GOS COULD USE NEW
PARAGRAPH
JUST RECEIVED FROM PHILS ON GOS ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ALL CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES INCURRED BY ITS FORCES DURING
TRAINING AS EXCUSE FOR DELAYING ACCORD - GOS WOULD NEED TIME
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